

Margaret-Anne Gaffney

Appointed to serve as the Governor's business designee, Gaffney replaces Evelyn Perry, whose term on the EOC is set to expire June 2014.

A native of Lexington, SC, Gaffney owns and operates Anne Pitts Child Development Center in Lexington, which offers private preschool and afterschool programs to 140 children ages 1-12. Gaffney holds a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of South Carolina Honors College and a Masters of Business Administration from USC. She has worked for Florence & Hutcheson Consulting Engineers, NCR Corporation, and Bose Corporation. Gaffney is Past President of the Magnolia Woman's Society of Lexington and a member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

She serves on the School Improvement Councils for both of the schools her children attend: Midway Elementary and Lexington Middle School. She has served on the Board of the South Carolina Child Care Association since 1999 and the Seabrook Island Board of Governors since 2012. She resides in Lexington with her husband Pearse and two children: Conor and Anna.

"I am very honored and excited to have the opportunity to serve our state," said Gaffney. "With two school-aged children and over 100 students at my center, education is one of the most important topics to me on both a personal and professional level."